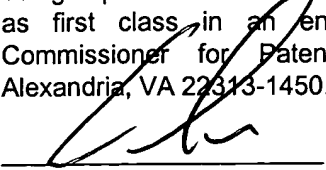




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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

DATED DECEMBER 22, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 22, 2004, time for response to which has been extended by the enclosed petition to February 22, 2005, in which the examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-15, drawn to methods, and
- II. Claims 16-31, drawn to apparatus;

applicant provisionally elects invention I (claims 1-15) without traverse for prosecution on the merits. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected invention(s).

Early and favorable consideration of the elected invention are respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is courteously solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned representative at (310)

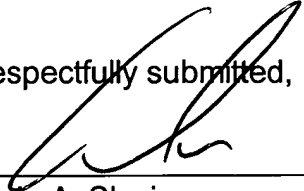
563-1458 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

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